

Amendments to the Claims

The following listing of the claims will replace all prior versions:

1. (Currently amended) A kitchen trash container system movable into and out of a cabinet frame interior having upper and lower portions, the system comprising:

a tray slidably movable into and out of the cabinet frame interior, the tray including a substantially downwardly depending edge that defines at least part of a channel positioned along the tray's side;

a slide mechanism operably associated with the tray and cabinet frame interior, wherein the slide mechanism includes

a first slide attached to the cabinet frame interior and being upwardly and inwardly off-set from the cabinet frame interior a distance sufficient to allow the downwardly depending edge of the tray to be positioned in-between the first slide and the cabinet frame interior to which the first slide is attached,

a second slide attached to the underneath side of the tray; and

an interface created by the meeting of the first slide and the second slide,

wherein the channel defined at least in part by the downwardly depending edge of the tray receives and covers the interface between the first slide and the second slide on the portion of the slide mechanism substantially adjacent to the side of the tray, thereby preventing dust and waste from spilling onto and fouling the interface during system use; and

a waste container carried by the tray and movable therewith to enter the cabinet frame interior and receive discharged waste and move out of the cabinet frame interior to enable the waste to be emptied and the tray-carried container to reenter the cabinet frame interior, ~~the tray having a structural configuration substantially covering the slide mechanism to prevent dust and waste collection on the slide mechanism.~~

2. (Original) The system as claimed in claim 1 wherein the tray has a base portion and the slide mechanism operably connects with the tray within the tray base portion.

3. (Previously presented) The system as claimed in Claim 1 wherein the slide mechanism connects with the cabinet frame interior lower portion.

4. (Previously presented) The system as claimed in Claim 1 wherein the slide mechanism connects with the cabinet frame interior upper portion.

5. (Original) The system as claimed in Claim 1 wherein the slide mechanism includes two pairs of cooperating slides.

6. (Previously presented) The system as claimed in Claim 2 wherein the slide mechanism connects with the cabinet frame interior lower portion.

7. (Previously presented) The system as claimed in Claim 2 wherein the slide mechanism connects with the cabinet frame interior upper portion.

8. (Original) The system as claimed in Claim 7 wherein the slide mechanism includes two pairs of cooperating slides.

9. (Currently amended) A kitchen trash container system movable into and out of a cabinet frame interior having upper and lower portions and two side walls, the system comprising:

a substantially horizontal tray having a bottom and side walls, the tray slidably movable into and out of the cabinet frame interior, the tray including a substantially downwardly depending edge that defines at least part of a channel positioned along the tray's side;

a slide mechanism operably associated with the tray side walls and the cabinet frame interior lower portion, wherein the slide mechanism includes

a first slide attached to the cabinet frame interior and being upwardly and inwardly off-set from the cabinet frame interior a distance sufficient to allow the downwardly depending edge of the tray to be positioned in-between the first slide and the cabinet frame interior to which the first slide is attached,

a second slide attached to the underneath side of the tray; and
an interface created by the meeting of the first slide and the second slide,
wherein the channel defined at least in part by the downwardly depending edge of
the tray receives and covers the interface between the first slide and the second slide on
the portion of the slide mechanism substantially adjacent to the side of the tray, thereby
preventing dust and waste from spilling onto and fouling the interface during system use;
and

a waste container carried by the tray and movable therewith to enter the cabinet frame interior and receive discharged waste and move out of the cabinet frame interior to discard the waste and reenter the cabinet frame interior, ~~the tray side walls substantially covering the slide mechanism to prevent dust and waste collection on the slide mechanism.~~

10. (Original) The system as claimed in Claim 9 wherein the slide mechanism includes two pairs of cooperating slides.

11. (Original) The system as claimed in Claim 10 wherein one pair of cooperating slides are held within one tray side wall and the other pair of cooperating slides are held within another tray side wall.

12. (Withdrawn) The system as claimed in Claim 11 wherein the one pair of cooperating slides has one slide engaging one tray side wall and the other slide engaging a cabinet frame interior side wall.

13. (Withdrawn) The system as claimed in Claim 12 wherein the other slide engages a cabinet frame upper interior side wall.

14. (Previously presented) The system as claimed in Claim 9 wherein the slide mechanism is operably associated with the tray side walls and the cabinet frame interior upper portion.

15. (Original) The system as claimed in Claim 9 wherein the slide mechanism includes two pairs of cooperating slides.

16. (Original) The system as claimed in Claim 15 wherein one pair of cooperating slides are held within one tray side wall and the other pair of cooperating slides are held within another tray side wall.

17. (Withdrawn) The system as claimed in Claim 16 wherein the one pair of cooperating slides has one slide engaging one tray side wall.